

657 Administrative Efficiency-Electronic Billing Process for All Providers

SECTION 1. Section 95020.5 of the Government Code is added to read:

(a) Effective July 1, 2011, regional centers shall begin transitioning providers of early intervention services purchased through a regional center to electronic billing. All providers of early intervention services provided or purchased through a regional center, with the exception of the following, shall submit all billings electronically for services provided on or after July 1, 2012:

- (1) A provider whose services are paid for by vouchers, as that term is defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 4512, subdivision (i);
- (2) A provider who demonstrates that submitting billings electronically for services presents a substantial financial hardship.

(b) For purposes of this section, "electronic billing" is defined as the Regional Center e-Billing System web application provided by the Department of Developmental Services.

SEC. 2. Section 4641.5 of the Welfare and Institutions Code is added to read:

(a) Effective July 1, 2011, regional centers shall begin transitioning all vendors of all regional center services to electronic billing for services purchased through a regional center. All vendors and contracted providers, with the exception of the following, shall submit all billings electronically for services provided on or after July 1, 2011:

- (1) A vendor or provider whose services are paid for by vouchers, as that term is defined in Welfare and Institutions Code section 4512, subdivision (i);
- (2) A vendor or provider who demonstrates that submitting billings electronically for services presents a substantial financial hardship for the provider.

(b) For purposes of this section, "electronic billing" is defined as the Regional Center e-Billing System web application provided by the department.

SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

In order to make changes necessary for implementation of the Budget Act of 2011, it is necessary that this act take effect immediately.